

First Aruban National holiday of the year, January 25...

#### Aruba prepares for a special celebration of "Betico" Day

Tomorrow Aruba pays tribute to the memory of senior statesman Gilberto François "Betico" Croes, considered instrumental in the establishment of Aruba's autonomy and right to self-rule within the Dutch Kingdom. It was announced a particularly memorable celebration is planned, as 2011 is also the silver anniversary of Aruba's "Status Aparte."

Betico Croes was origi-

nally a member of the Arubaanse Volks Partij (AVP); he founded the Movimiento Electoral di Pueblo (MEP) in 1971, and as leader of that party he became a principle negotiator and facilitator of Aruba's independence, earning him the informal title of "El Libertador."

Born into a very large family in the Santa Cruz district of Aruba in 1938, Betico Croes completed his secon-

dary education in Aruba then attended the Hilversum Teachers' Training College in Holland. He was certified as a Headmaster in 1959 and returned to Aruba to teach at Sint Jozef School and the Antonius College in Santa Cruz.

Betico Croes began his political career in 1967, and even though he never held a position as a deputy in the Aruban Island Government nor as a minister in a cabinet of the Netherlands Antilles, he eventually acquire great political influence as president of MEP. He earned high regard as "consehero general" (general advisor) of the Aruban coalition governments, of which MEP was a part.

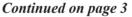
He was a champion of the concept of "Status Aparte" from the other islands of the Netherlands Antilles, and strongly promoted Aruban national pride, rekindling the popular movement. In 1976 he advocated and expedited the creation and adoption of an Aruban flag and national anthem.

Betico Croes led the Aruban delegation during the decisive Round Table Conferences in February of 1981 and in March of 1983 with the Dutch Government, conducted in Den Hague. During this time, an agreement was finalized that awarded Aruba "Status Aparte" as of January 1, 1986.

On December 31, 1985, the eve of Aruba's official independence from the Netherlands Antilles, Betico Croes was gravely injured in a traffic accident. After eleven months in a coma, he passed

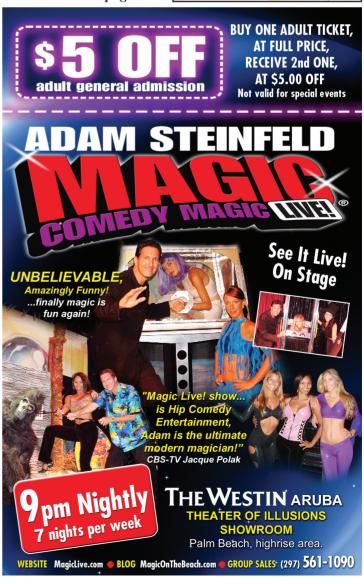
Island dignitaries will pay

homage to the memory of Betico Croes with an official ceremony at the Plaza Betico Croes, located behind the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad, on his birthday, which traditionally includes an address from Aruba's Prime Minister. This protocol ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. and includes the placement of memorial wreaths by various groups.









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#### TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

#### Preval: Duvalier must face Haiti justice

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) – Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier must face justice for alleged crimes under his 1971-1986 dictatorship and cannot leave Haiti until legal proceedings are concluded, President Rene Preval said.

Within 48 hours of Duvalier's unexpected return one week ago, government prosecutors slapped him with a slew of charges, many related to the alleged siphoning off of hundreds of millions of dollars during his 15-year rule.

Six private lawsuits have also been filed against the 59-year-old former strongman

over alleged human rights violations and torture, and judicial officials expect more complaints to follow.

"The government has done all it can do and we now hope that justice will do its work," Preval told reporters Saturday during a visit to the neighboring Dominican Republic.

Duvalier's lawyer said the former dictator had every intention of staying in Haiti to clear his name and suggested it was the current president who should be going to jail.

"Preval should go to prison for all his wrongdoings, for the stolen millions, and he knows it very well," Reynold Georges told AFP. Duvalier has denied his unexpected return, after 25 years of exile spent mostly in France, has anything to do with a post-election crisis that led to deadly riots in December.

Human rights activists and experts suggest the most plausible explanation is that Duvalier is short of money and wants to get his hands on \$5.7 million that Switzerland is set to release to the Haitian government.

An American lawyer in Duvalier's entourage said the former dictator only wanted to make sure the cash, frozen in Swiss bank accounts, goes to the Haitian people.

## Brazil mudslide death toll rises above 800

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AFP) - The official death toll from Brazil's mudslide disaster rose yesterday to 803 as more bodies were recovered.

In the worst-hit town of Nova Friburgo near Rio de Janeiro, 389 deaths were recorded, and in neighboring Teresopolis the toll rose to 324, according to the national Civil Defense agency and Department of Health.

In the town of Petropolis the toll was raised to 65 dead, and 22 dead in Sumidouro. Another three bodies were uncovered in nearby towns.

The previous confirmed toll from the flash floods and mudslides that struck the Serrana

mountain region near Rio de Janeiro on January 12 was 759.

Officials meanwhile reduced the number of people counted as missing from 430 people on Saturday to 417 as a number of people were found alive or bodies were identified.

A total 13,830 people were forced to abandon their homes in the region, either because they were destroyed or deemed unsafe, according to Rio's health service.

The full extent the disaster, reported to be the worst natural catastrophe in Brazil's history, was not yet known, with many people still in areas cut off from land access receiving help from helicopter crews.

## Dubai opens 'world's highest' restaurant

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - Dubai yesterday opened a restaurant 422 meters (1,350 feet) up in the sky on the 122nd floor of the world's tallest building, Burj Khalifa, its developers said.

Atmosphere in Dubai's 828-meter (2,716.5-feet) building is "one of the finest luxury dining and lounge experiences in the world," said Emaar Hospitality Group, an arm of giant property developer Emaar.

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Gilberto François "Betico" Croes (January 25, 1938 - November 26, 1986)



## Government firm on higher fees, university spending cuts

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- Prime minister Mark Rutte has no plan to amend the government's plans to cut spending on higher education, he said after the weekly cabinet meeting.

'I am not going to give the impression that the plans will change dramatically,' he said after a massive demonstration by students in The Hague.

The cabinet has decided to get the government finances in order and improve the quality of higher education. This makes the savings necessary, the prime minister said.

#### "Life is a song-perform it well"

#### Noted authority on music and wellness, Dr. Louise Montello offers a unique path to inner peace



Dr. Montello signing books

Dr. Louse Montello warmly welcomed inquiries while conducting a book signing at the Antraco book store on Friday, January 21. Her time spent with the general public was the culmination of a week's visit sponsored by local foundation Muchilla Creativo, with whom she facilitated workshops for two

Dr. Montello is a licensed psychoanalyst, music therapist, and Founder/Director of the Creative Arts Therapy Certificate Program at The New School, as well as an ardent jazz pianist. She conducted clinical research on the use of an integrative music therapy approach to treating and preventing musicians' stress-related disorders in the Department of Psychology at New York University for over ten years. In an effort to bring her groundbreaking music therapybased prevention program to the musical community, Dr.

Montello co-founded a notfor-profit organization, Musicians' Wellness, Inc. with her NYU research partner, neuropsychologist and composer, Dr. Edgar E. Coons, in 2000.

Dr. Montello has conducted Performance Wellness workshops in Hamburg, Amsterdam, London, York, Corfu, Thessaloniki, and Vitoria-Gastiez, establishing a reputation in the European music therapy community. She has also been an artist-inresidence at the Gothenburg Conservatory in Sweden, Ewha University in Seoul, Korea, Berklee College of Music in Boston, the Musicians' Union in London, and the Manhattan School of Music.

Dr. Montello graciously accepted the invitation of Muchilla Creativo, which was assisted by UNESCO, to work with island kindergarten and primary schoolteachers, not only helping them to handle their own

stress, but to also bring her methods to their classrooms to stimulate the students and calm their anxieties. "I found the Aruban teachers wonderfully receptive," she com-"They mented. immediately taking into practice the methods I taught them, the very next day. They recognized this is a pro-active approach to overcoming stress and conflict in the classroom and that music can be used as a path to creativity and radiant wholeness."

A number of individuals purchased her text "Essential Musical Intelligence" EMI and the accompanying work-book, which she happily inscribed during her two-hour visit at the Oranjestad bookstore. It details how to understand and apply her technique of "bypassing the conscious mind to deeper levels of being, where true healing can occur," through the use of music. "I try to engage their inner expression," Dr. Montello elaborated. "Music is a way to connect "with the voice of the heart," allowing us to heal through our own creativity. Performance Wellness practitioners assist in awakening EMI so it can be used daily to reconnect with our creative source (Self) and instantly transform limiting thoughts and behaviors, leading to greater levels of joy, mastery, and radiant wholeness."

Dr. Montello expressed she truly enjoyed her time on Aruba and found the workshop extremely rewarding, with the hope to return again

by Rosalie Klein

#### Un Aruba dushi pa biba, ta un Aruba dushi pa bishita



#### Aruba prepares...

Aruba Tourism Authority

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An elaborate evening festival is planned, beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Local music and dance, featuring noted island vocalists and troupes, will showcase typical island culture. All are welcome to this gala "street fair" sporting food stalls and handicraft booths with island cuisine and crafts.

Aside from the events in the Plaze Betico Croes, a number of community centers and sport federations will conduct various activities throughout the weekend, the most famous being the Betico Croes Memorial 6 and 10k Fun Run/Walk, conducted by IDEFRE. This year, the prestigious event that attracts athletes from all over the region will begin and end at the Betico Memorial Sport Hall in Santa Croes, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Robert Maduro, head of

the January 25 Events Committee, advised any groups or community centers planning special activities for the holiday please contact organizers of the days events to facilitate the issuance of permits and the cooperation of police and DOW. They can be reached at 582-3907 or 737-3645.

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\* Betico Day

## Cas Animal cont'd Will you give us a name and someone to love?

We continue our series on Cas Animal, the foundation with a single volunteer, Kiki Arndt, who has made it her life's work to rescue the stray and abused dogs and cats of Aruba. Kiki keeps 71 dogs and 11 puppies at her home, seeing to their medical care and feeding, always with the fervent hope that someone will adopt one of those she has saved from nearly certain death or terrible sickness and

injury.

This week, Kiki brings us two recent rescues. One is a sweet-natured male who she describes as one of her "Christmas Victims;" dogs that have been abandoned by families or individuals who have traveled back to Europe for an extensive holiday vacation, or possibly left the island entirely. They leave the dogs behind to fend for themselves, without any food,

water or care. The devoted animal will wait patiently by the house for the master to return, often starving to death or dying of thirst.

Fortunately, neighbors called Kiki to rescue this dog, which thoroughly enjoys rides in the car, and is ready to love a family that can provide a good size backyard in which he can play. Still thin from his ordeal, he is well on the road to recovery and

ready to provide a good home with a staunch protector.

Kiki is also looking for someone to adopt this cute little one-yearold black and white female who has just been freshly neutered.

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Kiki and this year's Christmas victim





#### Sci-Tech

## Mexico to pioneer iris technology on ID cards

MEXICO CITY (AFP) – Mexico will today become the first country to start using iris scans for identity cards, according to the government, which claims the scheme will be highly secure.

The documents, which will include the eye's image as well as fingerprints, a photo and signature, will be 99 percent reliable, Felipe Zamora, responsible for legal affairs at the Mexican Interior

Ministry said.

Critics, including the National Human Rights Commission, have slammed the system, expressing concern that compiling personal data could violate individual rights.

The move will be introduced gradually, with some 28 million minors taking part in a first two-year stage, due to cost 25 million dollars.

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## 'Bug Mac' and lovely 'grub': food of the future



File picture shows man eating` insect pizza'

WAGENINGEN, Netherlands (AFP) – Dutch student Walinka van Tol inspects the worm protruding from a halfeaten chocolate praline she's holding, steels herself with a shrug, then pops it into her mouth.

"Tasty ... kind of nutty!" the 20-year-old assures her companions clutching an array of creepy crawly pastries at a seminar, which forecast that larvae and locusts will invade Western menus as the price of steak and chops skyrocket.

Van Tol and about 200 other tasters were guinea pigs for a group of Dutch scientists doing groundbreaking research into insects replacing animal meat as a healthier, more environmentally friendly source of protein.

"There will come a day when a Big Mac costs 120 euros (\$163) and a Bug Mac 12 euros, when more people will eat insects than other meat," head researcher Arnold van Huis told a disbelieving audience at Wageningen University in the central Netherlands.

"The best way to start is to try it once," the entomologist insisted.

At break time, there is a sprint for the snack tables with a spread of Thai marinated grasshopper spring rolls, buffalo worm chocolate gnache, and a seemingly innocent pastry "just like a quiche lorraine, but with meal worms instead of bacon or ham", according to chef Henk van Gurp.

The snacks disappear

quickly to the delight of the chef and organisers. But the university's head of entomology Marcel Dicke knows that changing Westerners' mindset will take more than disguising a worm in chocolate.

"The problem is here," he tells AFP, pointing at his head while examining an exhibition featuring a handful of the world's more than 1,200 edible insect species including worms, gnats, wasps, termites and beetles.

Three species: meal worms, buffalo worms and grasshoppers, are cultivated by three farmers in the Netherlands for a small but growing group of adventurous foodies.

"People think it is something dirty. It generates a Fear Factor response," citing the reality series that tests competitors' toughness by feeding them live insects.

Dicke said Westerners had no choice but to shed their bug bias, with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation predicting there will be nine billion people on the planet by 2050 and agricultural land already under pressure.

"We have to eat less meat or find an alternative," said Dicke, who claims to sit down to a family meal of insects on a regular basis.

Bugs are high in protein, low in fat and efficient to cultivate -- 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of feed yields six to eight kilograms of insect meat compared to one kilogram of beef, states the university's research.

Insects are abundant, produce less greenhouse gas and manure, and do not transfer any diseases, when eaten, that can mutate into a dangerous human form, say the researchers.

"The question really should be: 'Why do we NOT eat insects?," said Dicke, citing research that the average person unwittingly eats about 500 grams of bug particles a year anyway -- in strawberry jam, bread and other processed foods.

According to Van Huis, about 500 types of insects are eaten in Mexico, 250 in Africa and 180 in China and other parts of Asia -- mostly they are a delicacy.

One avid European convert is Marian Peters, secretary of the Dutch insect breeders association, Venik, who likes to snack on grasshoppers and refers to them as "the caviar of insects".

On a visit to an insect farm in Deurne in the south east Netherlands, she greedily peels the wings and legs off a freeze dried locust and crunches down with gusto.

"They are delicious stir fried with good oil, garlic and red pepper and served in a taco," said Peters.

The owner of the farm, Roland van de Ven, produces 1,200kg of meal worms a week of which "one or two percent" for human consumption, the rest as animal feed.

Monday, January 24, 2011

"When you see an insect, it is a barrier. I think people will come around if the insects are processed and not visible in food," he explains while running his fingers through a plastic tray teeming with worms -- one of hundreds stacked ceiling-high in refrigerated breeding rooms.

"It is harder to eat a pig you have seen on a spit than a store-bought steak. This is similar."

The farmer said human demand for his "mini-live-stock" was growing slowly - from 300 kilograms in 2008 to 900 kilograms last year.

For those who won't be swayed, there is hope for less grizzly alternative. Wageningen University is leading research into the viability of extracting insect protein for use in food products.

"We want to determine if we can texturise it to resemble meat, like they do with soy," said Peters, clutching a bag of pinkish powder -- protein taken from meal worms she hopes will one day be a common pizza ingredient.



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For infection. If you notice signs of infection, such as swelling, redness, increased pain or oozing, see your doc-

tor immediately.

■For suspected rabies. If you suspect the bite was caused by an animal that might carry rabies — including any wild or domestic animal of unknown immunization status — see your doctor immediately.

Doctors recommend getting a tetanus shot every 10 years. If your last one was more than five years ago and your wound is deep or dirty, your doctor may recommend a booster. You should have the booster as soon as possible after the injury.

Domestic pets cause most animal bites. Dogs are more likely to bite than cats are. Cat bites, however, are more likely to cause infection. Bites from nonimmunized domestic animals and wild animals carry the risk of rabies. Rabies is more common in raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes than in cats and dogs. Rabbits, squirrels and other rodents rarely carry rabies.

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## WHO calls for junk food ban in schools, playgrounds



GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – Junk food should not be sold in schools and playgrounds, the World Health Organisation said in a series of recommendations aimed at promoting a healthy diet and cutting child obesity.

However it fell short of calling for a ban on advertising directed at children for foods high in saturated fats, sugars or salt, opting instead to ask member states to "consider the most effective approach to reduce" such marketing.

The non-binding recommendations will be put to a high-level meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases during September's General Assembly in New York, WHO officials said.

"Settings where children gather should be free from all forms of marketing of foods high in saturated fats, transfatty acids, free sugars or salt," said the UN health agency.

"Such settings include, but are not limited to, nurseries, schools, school grounds and pre-school centres, playgrounds, family and child clinics and paediatric services and during any sporting and cultural activities that are held on these premises," it added.

Some 43 million preschool children are obese or overweight, according to WHO data.

"Children throughout the world are exposed to marketing of foods high in fat, sugar or salt, which increases the potential of younger generations developing noncommunicable diseases during their lives," it said.

Six out of ten deaths every year are due to cardiovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes and chronic lung diseases, the WHO warned, pointing out that a common factor of the four main diseases is poor diet.



## Japan hepatitis B patients agree to \$39 bln deal

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) – Japanese Hepatitis B sufferers thought to have caught the disease from repeated use of needles during a vaccination programme have agreed to settle a dispute with the state, at the cost of \$39 billion.

The decision will bring to an end a series of lawsuits across the country but it will pose the government with a headache as it looks for ways to raise the 3.2 trillion yen, with the possibility it may have to to raise taxes.

Tokyo had already expressed a readiness to accept the proposal, bringing to an end the country's largest medical dispute that will see it compensate about 430,000

people infected with the potentially fatal disease during decades ago.

"This is a tough decision, but we decided to accept (the proposal) to end this issue swiftly," the plaintiffs said in a statement issued.

"We demand that the government learn from this lessen and do the best to solve this problem as soon as possible," said one of the plaintiffs, Mieko Taniguchi, adding that the court proposal was not enough to rescue everyone.

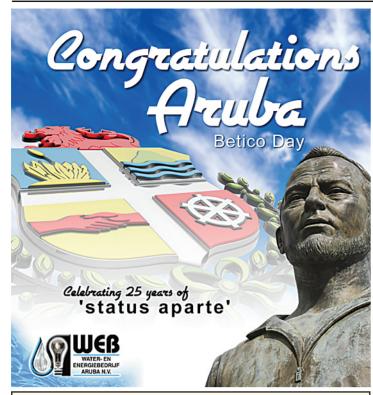
Earlier this month, the Sapporo District Court proposed that the government pay 12.5-36 million yen in damages to each hepatitis B patient depending on their health condi-



tion.

The court has also proposed that the government pay 500,000 yen each to virus carriers who do not show any symptoms yet.

Total 630 people have filed damages suits with 10 district courts across Japan, arguing that the government should be held responsible for the mass infections as it failed to take necessary measures.



Motorbike-riding TV presenter Jesse James, 41, said his split from Oscar winner Bullock actually ended in good news for him. "2010 was actually the best year of my life because I fell in love with my best friend. An amazing woman who stood behind me when the world turned their backs," he told the magazine, Hollywood's celebrity bible.



Of his 28-year-old new wife-to-be, he said: "I have never met anyone so kind and loving and committed to making the world a better place every day. My love for her is beyond description. So honored that she said 'Yes.'

"Growing old with her is going to be a ... blast!" he added, using an expletive.



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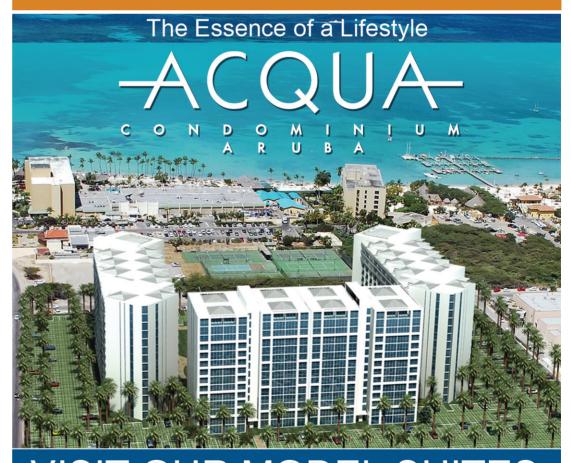






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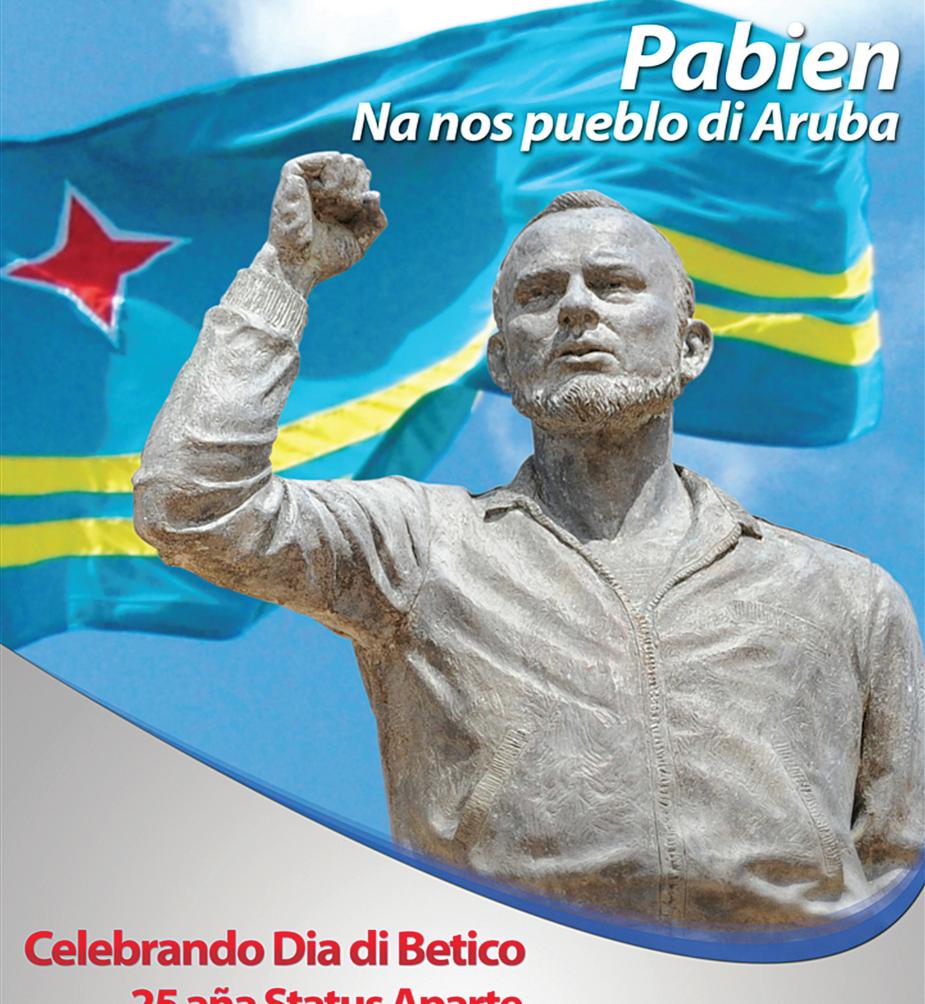


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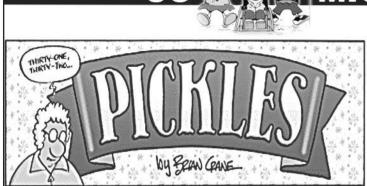








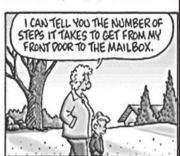


















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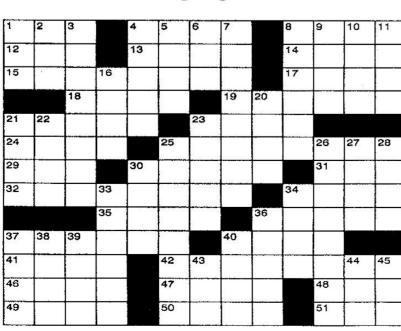
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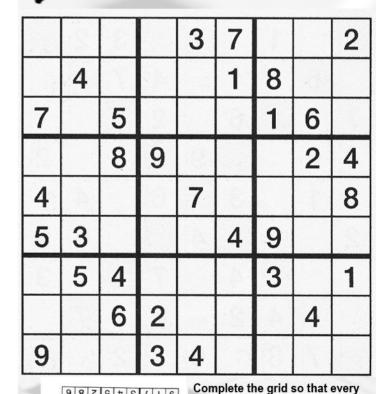
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#### **Finance**

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#### Greece ready to issue diaspora bond: minister

ATHENS (AFP) – Greece will issue a diaspora bond aimed at Greek investors all over the world "within the next few months" in an effort to return to long term bond markets in 2011, Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said. "We will mainly address Greeks in Europe, the US, Australia, etc., while the interest will be lower than current market rates," Papaconstantinou told Eleftherotypia newspaper.

According to the Kathimerini daily, the Greek government seeks to issue a diaspora bond "of between three and 10 years" or "possibly a one-year bond" in order to send a message to the markets that Greece has access to cheap finance.

It is currently in talks with Brussels to extend repayment on this loan, or reduce its interest rate, though it has repeatedly denied any restructuring of its other debts.

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#### Eurozone squares up to rescue fund re-design

BRUSSELS (AFP) – Talks are accelerating that could see the eurozone's rescue fund given a wider remit in a bid to master a mercurial debt crisis and push national economies towards greater convergence.

"We are reflecting, throwing about ideas," a European Union diplomatic source told AFP, adding that eurozone finance ministers could hold a telephone conference next week to take stock of work by experts ahead of a March EU summit deadline.

The examination goes far deeper than eventual enlargement of the 440-billion-euro European Financial Stability Fund (EFSF), part of a 750-billion-euro (trillion-dollar) safety net put together by the eurozone, the EU and the International Monetary Fund.

The EFSF is to be replaced as of January 1, 2013, with a permanent mechanism for emergency rescues of the sort that had to be given to Greece and Ireland last year.

#### Swiss whistleblower detained: report

ZURICH (AFP) – Former Swiss banker Rudolf Elmer, who was found guilty of breaching bank secrecy laws over his transfer of client data to the online website Wikileaks, has been remanded in custody, press reports said.

The former chief operating officer at private bank Julius Baer's subsidiary in the Cayman Islands was detained in the week-end because he risks destroying evidence, his lawyer Ganden Tethong Blattner told ATS news agency.

Elmer plans to appeal against court decision that found him guilty of handing over secret files to the whistleblowing site and sentenced him to a suspended fine of 7,200 Swiss francs (5,500 euros), the lawyer said.

Dismissed by the bank in 2002, the 55-year-old former banker handed over a first set of bank client data to Wikileaks in 2007 in his stated quest to expose tax evasion systems.

But barely out of court, the ex-banker was arrested a second time by Swiss police for having handed over another two CD-ROMs to Wikileaks founder Julian Assange

#### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer





## Boeing says 'immature' technology behind 787 delay

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AFP)

– Boeing said that the use of
"immature" technology caused
delays in the delivery of its 787
Dreamliner passenger jet, a
project almost three years behind schedule.

"Some of the technology was not as mature as it should have been and we put a global supply chain together without thinking through some of the consequences," Jim Albaugh, president and chief executive of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said at a forum in the Saudi capital.

"When you put immature technology in your supply chain and don't supply adequate oversight, you have issues and that is what we had," he added at the annual Global Competitiveness Forum.

But he expressed confidence in the aircraft even if



production is nearly three years behind schedule.

"It is going to be a magnificent airplane and will be 20 percent more efficient than the airplanes it is replacing," he said.

Boeing said last week it would delay the delivery of its first 787 unit from February to the third quarter of 2011.

The postponement came after a string of technical mishaps and delays slowed the testing programme for the jets, heralded as a new generation of highly fuel-efficient, midsized aircraft.

The company has encountered numerous difficulties in bringing the plane to market due to a new engineering strategy that uses composite materials and integrates production from several international sites.

An electrical fire during a test flight in November forced an emergency landing and ground Dreamliner tests to a halt.

But these resumed in December after the company said it had updated the power systems software and conducted rigorous reviews to confirm flight readiness.

## Exciting and affordable surfside dining at





The stylish new eatery that has taken over the Surfside area across from the Talk of the Town is still evolving; since opening in November they have been steadily completing renovations, and now the pool bar is open.

What struck us when we first paid a visit to this entrancing beach side locale 2 months ago was the thought 'Finally, a place worthy of the Surfside!" Nikky Beach Owner Jan has a very distinct vision of what he wants to offer his patrons; an affordable gourmet restaurant with a charming,

congenial ambiance that will keep them coming back.

We sampled three dishes that left us mighty impressed, beginning with The Nikky Japanese Roll, shrimp stuffed into thin slices of smoked salmon with wasabi aioli. This was followed by the Sesame Maguro Tartar, marinated fresh tuna served with a refreshing seaweed salad and an absolutely yummy concoction of Chef Paul, a firm, soy flavored mousse that perfectly complemented the fish.

Lamb Chops Acropolis, garnished with Tzaaiki sauce, provided an innovative twist on this favorite dish. The rest of the menu is just as inventive, and Jan has imported renowned Curação chef Maikel de Leur of Papagallo Restaurant to add even more distinctive dishes to an already appealing menu. Very soon, a full sushi menu is to be added to their inventory as well.

What will also leave an impression is the reasonably priced menu and bar; Jan is very sensitive to the needs of his devoted local trade as well as potentially new friends. A fresh grouper platter is only \$17, and you can enjoy a very



**Nikky Beach Roll** 

Tuna tartar with seaweed salad

satisfying and stimulating dining experience for an equally satisfying price.

Nikky Beach is taking advantage of their amazing location by punctuating the weekends with a variety of entertainment, which makes it a great place to watch the sunset or relax with friends until well after dark. Ernesto Farro, well know on Aruba for his mellow guitar, is a regular, and they are experimenting with a number of performers that will make an evening even more enjoyable. You can check out their full menu and upcoming events on their website: www.nikkybeacharuba.com. They are open seven days a far; definitely worth a try.

week, serving brunch, lunch and dinner from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 582-0153 or e-mail reserve@nikky beacharuba.com.

Aruba's southern shore sports a number of waterside restaurants sought out for their romantic, tropical ambiance. Nikky Beach has all the assets of many these places, a lovely setting and marvelous food. One can also end the evening fully satisfied by an impressive meal that won't give your wallet such a wallop, and it is conveniently located on the eastern end of Oranjestad, so there is no need to travel very



#### Will you give us a name and someone to love?

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She had become a favorite of patrons of a small guest house in Malmok, where she often was given food and water by the clients.

However, the owner thought she was a bother and was planning to take her to be euthanized; a quick call to Kiki affected a rescue, in the hope of finding her a loving home to match her nature. Kiki makes it a practice to not name the new charges during their temporary residence

with her, she prefers to leave that to those that adopt.

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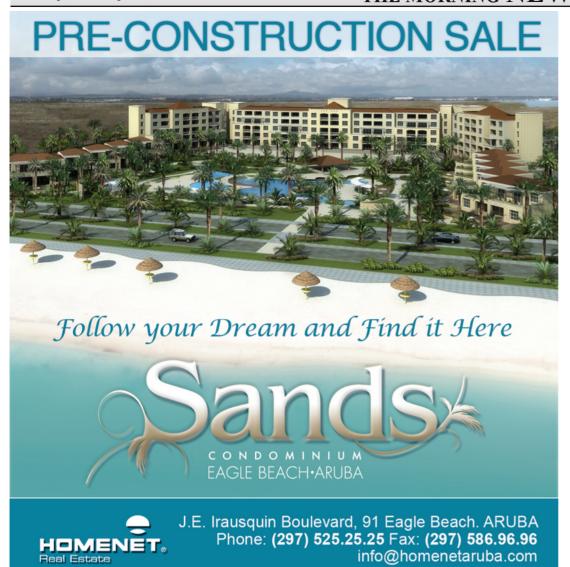
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by Rosalie Klein



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#### Shakespeare plays in 38 languages for 2012 Olympics

LONDON, England (AFP) – Each of William Shakespeare's 38 plays will be performed in a different language, including Arabic, Spanish and Urdu, dur-

ing a a theatre season in Britain to mark the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Shakespeare's Globe theatre in the British capital said it



#### **Logo for London 2012 Olympics**

would host the special season over six weeks, beginning next year on April 23, the playwright's birthday.

Shows will included "The Taming of the Shrew" in Urdu, starring Pakistani television star Nadia Jamil as Katherine, and "King Lear" in Australian Aboriginal languages.

Other performances include
"Julius Caesar" in Italian,
"Troilus and Cressida" in Maori, "The Tempest" in Arabic and "Love's Labour's Lost" in British sign language.

"The Globe will create an international Shakespeare community in the heart of London, as a prelude to the internationalism which will fill the capital later in the year with the Olympics," said the Globe's artistic director Dominic Dromgoole.

The project is part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad which was set up in 2008 to celebrate the Olympics.

The Globe is a reconstruction of a theatre where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed before it burnt down in 1613.



#### **Crocodile loses appetite after** swallowing cell phone

DNIPROPETROVSK, ber. The ring tone could be Ukraine (AFP) – A crocodile heard from inside the reptile in Ukraine who swallowed a cell phone has refused to touch his food for a month and attempts to prompt nature to take its course have so far failed, vets said.

The Nile crocodile named Gena, who will turn 15 next month, swallowed the phone when a visitor tried to take a picture of him in late Decemfor several days afterwards.

Eduard Manukyan, a representative of the aquarium said that Gena's condition was worsening by the day but staff fear an operation to extract the phone may be too dangerous.

"He moves around, goes into water but has not eaten for a month," Manukyan told



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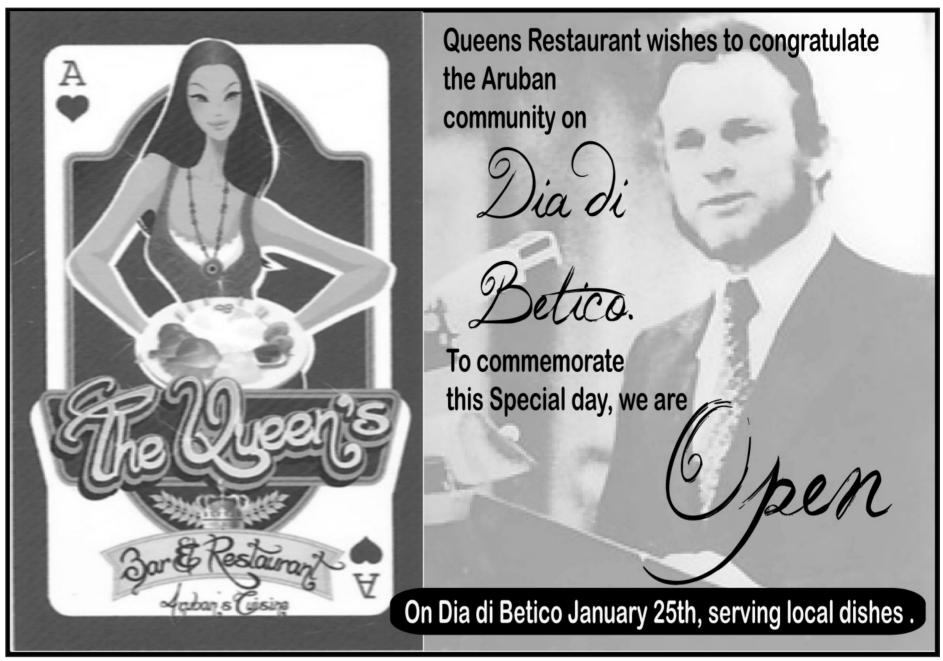
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#### Andruw agrees to oneyear deal with Yankees



NEW YORK -- The Yankees have agreed to terms on a one-year contract with five-time National League All-Star Andruw Jones, who will join the club as a backup at all three outfield positions.

MLB.com has confirmed that the 33-year-old will receive a base salary of \$2 million, plus \$1.2 million in potential performance incentives. The Yankees have not made an announcement, and the deal will not be official until Jones passes a physical.

General manager Brian Cashman has been seeking a right-handed hitter to join the mix as a fourth outfielder, and Jones fills one of the team's final needs as it prepares to begin Spring Training.

With Brett Gardner and Curtis Granderson both left-handed hitters, New York could use Jones much as it did Marcus Thames in 2010. Thames' bat was a nice surprise for the Yankees, but they had concerns about his defense, an area where Jones should represent an improvement.

A 10-time NL Gold Glove Award winner during his best seasons with the Atlanta Braves, Jones spent 2010 with the Chicago White Sox, his fourth Major League team and third in the last three years.

Jones batted .230 with 19 home runs and 48 RBIs in 107 games for the White Sox, playing all three outfield positions

Many Yankees fans will likely remember Jones from his grand entrance onto the baseball stage as a 19-year-old rookie, blasting two home runs in Game 1 of the 1996 World Series to supplant Mickey Mantle as the youngest player to homer in a Fall Classic.

#### Kaymer shrugs off Tiger's sevenyear ranking low



ABU DHABI (AFP) - Troubled Tiger Woods has sunk to his lowest world ranking in seven years thanks to Martin Kaymer, but the German player has no doubts about the American superstar's ability to bounce back.

Kaymer, who moved into the world number two spot behind Lee Westwood after his eight-shot triumph at the Abu Dhabi Championship, still considers Woods the best player in the world.

"It's quite nice to overtake somebody who is probably the best player in the world, perhaps the best player that ever lived," said the 26-yearold. "To be in front of him for a little bit - we'll see how long it takes him to overtake me again - it makes me very proud to be better in the world rankings than the best player in the world."

The German needed only a top-seven finish to depose Woods, but won comfortably with Westwood way back in 64th place, out-scored

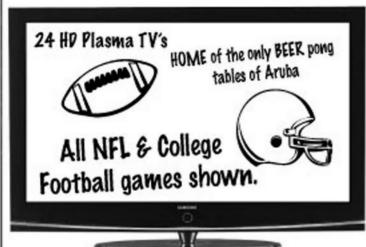
by 26 strokes.
The last time a pair of Eu-

ropeans filled the top two positions in the world rankings was Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer 18 years ago.

Woods, meanwhile, will start his season at Torrey Pines in California this week down in third spot for the first time since October 2004.

Kaymer believes golf in Europe is getting stronger, an opinion backed up by seeing Europeans occupying three of the top four places with US Open Champion Graeme McDowell now ahead of Phil Mickelson.





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## Federer matches Connors, women set record



MELBOURNE (AFP) - Men's champion Roger Federer stuttered to a recordequalling 27th consecutive Grand Slam quarter-final at the Australian Open Sunday, as Francesca Schiavone won the longest women's match at a major.

While Federer needed four sets against Tommy Robredo, Novak Djokovic stayed in dazzling form and women's top seed Caroline Wozniacki also progressed, as Germany's Andrea Petkovic stunned 2008 winner Maria Sharapova.

However, all attention was on Hisense Arena, Melbourne Park's second-biggest court, where Schiavone and Svetlana Kuznetsova treated the crowd to an epic, 4hr 44min slugfest which outstripped the previous record by 25min.

French Open champion Schiavone saved six match points and needed three of her own before volleying the clincher and raising her arms aloft, and turning her thoughts to a quarter-final with Wozniacki.

The final set alone lasted three hours as the 6-4, 1-6, 16-14 marathon eclipsed the longest Grand Slam women's match of 4hr 19min between Barbora Zahlavova Strycova and Regina Kulikova in Melbourne last year.

"At one stage I was like, what's the score? Who's serving? I was like, what's going on here anyway?" Kuznetsova said.

"I had no clue sometimes. It was so hard to count. I was like, who is up? She? Me?"

Earlier, Federer dropped only his third set against Tommy Robredo in 11 matches before winning 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to equal US great Jimmy Connors' record of 27 consecutive Grand Slam quarter-finals.

Federer, who last failed to reach a Grand Slam last eight at the 2004 French Open, is gunning for his fifth Australian Open and his 17th major crown, and the chance to stop Rafael Nadal sweeping all of tennis's big four titles.

But the 29-year-old Swiss, who was taken to five gripping sets by Gilles Simon in the second round, again suffered a mid-match lapse before recovering his famous poise

"Tommy makes you work extremely hard, he has a great forehand and I'm sweating bullets, and happy the match is over," Federer said.

Wozniacki reached the quarter-finals for the first time when she cruised past unseeded Latvian Anastasija Sevastova 6-3, 6-4, maintaining her hopes of a maiden Grand Slam win.

China's Li Na beat Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 6-3 Sunday to reach her second successive quarter-final at Melbourne Park and ratchet up hopes of

claiming her country's firstever major singles title.

"This is a dream for me. I mean, until now I'm still just following the dream," Li said. "Like last year, I need two more steps. So hopefully this year I can do better."

Li will next face Germany's Andrea Petkovic, who shocked 2008 winner Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-3 and afterwards celebrated with her distinctive "Petkodance" jig.

Meanwhile Djokovic, the men's winner in 2008, destroyed Spain's Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 in 1hr 44min to reach his fourth straight Australian Open quarter-final.

"That was a higher standard than my previous matches and it's a big positive for me heading into the quarter-finals," Djokovic said.

Djokovic will play Tomas Berdych for a place in the semi-finals after the Czech was an easy winner 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 against Fernando Verdasco of Spain.

Stanislas Wawrinka shot down American Andy Roddick in straight sets to set up a clash with Federer, the Open era's first all-Swiss Grand Slam quarter-final.

## Colts make rich pitch to Manning - report

NEW YORK (AFP) - The Indianapolis Colts have started contract talks with star quarterback Peyton Manning about what many expect to be the richest deal in NFL history, ESPN reported Sunday.

Citing unnamed club and league sources, the US-based sports network's website reported that the Colts extended their first offer to the 35-year-old signal caller who guided Indy to a 2007 Super Bowl triumph.

The offer was greater than the four-year deal worth 72 million dollars, 48.5 million of it guaranteed, that New England quarterback Tom Brady signed last September, according to the report.

The Colts, who lost to New Orleans in last year's Super Bowl, are willing to make Manning the NFL's highest-paid player in a fiveyear deal.

But team president Bill Polian argued the team needs to save some money to build a competitive team around the superstar son of former NFL quarterback Archie Manning.



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#### Armstrong ends International cycling career

ADELAIDE, Australia (AFP) – Tour de France icon Lance Armstrong brought an end to his international cycling career when he completed the final stage of the Tour Down Under.

Cancer survivor Armstrong won a record seven Tour de France yellow jerseys during his career, but failed to produce fireworks on what was his final professional race outside the United States.





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